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SUBJ: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS -- STATUS OF THE
COMMUNITY'S PREPARATIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO TWO EC PERM REP SOURCES INVOLVED
IN THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 PREPARATIONS, THE STATUS AS OF
TODAY (OCTOBER 31) IS AS FOLLOWS:

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-- THE SUBJECT IS NOW FORMALLY ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK'S EC COUNCIL MEETING.

-- EITHER AT DINNER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, OR IN THE COUNCIL SESSION TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, THE MINISTERS WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE ABOUT THE STATUS OF A NEW COMMUNITY OFFER; I.E. THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH AN OFFER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY (AND PRESENTED TO OUTSIDE COUNTRIES) AS A "FINAL" OFFER.

-- ASSUMING THAT THE MINISTERS CAN REACH A DECISION ON THIS QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE, A WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY IN A ATTEMPT TO AGREE ON THE LIST OF CONCESSIONS TO BE OFFERED THIRD COUNTRIES. MINISTERS WOULD THEN BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE LIST LATE ON TUESDAY.

2. OUR SOURCES ADVISE US THAT THE PERM REPS HAVE SPENT ABOUT NINE HOURS THIS WEEK IN A "THEOLOGICAL" DEBATE ABOUT THE STATUS OF A NEW COMMUNITY OFFER. WHILE THERE IS CLEARLY A DIFFERENCE OF VIEW BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE OTHERS (REFTELS), THE HAGGLING OVER LINGUISTIC NUANCES HAS APPARENTLY BEEN CARRIED TO EXTREMES THAT ARE UNUSUAL EVEN FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ACTING GERMAN PERM REP BOEMCKE TOOK THE LEAD IN OPPOSING THE MORE EXTREME FORMULATIONS PRESSED BY FRENCH PERM REP BURIN DES ROZIER.

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING DEBATE AMONG THE PERM REPS, THE WORKING GROUP MADE NO REAL SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN VETTING THE NEW EC COMMISSION LIST OF PROPOSED CONCESSIONS. HARTMAN

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